

Conservation Security Program

Fact Sheet Sauk Watershed Minnesota, 2005

Sauk Watershed Description

The Sauk Watershed is located in Central Minnesota. It is comprised of parts of Douglas, Meeker, Pope, Stearns, and Todd Counties.

The major land uses in the watershed are cropland, pastureland and forest. The watershed area is a combination of Thin Loess and Till, and Sandy Outwash resource areas. The topography is irregular, varying from nearly level outwash plains and lacustrine basins to gently rolling with hills and ridges. There are many lakes and basins.

Primary crops grown include corn, hay and small grain. Other crops include soybeans and vegetables.

Some of the pastureland in this watershed is located in wet or stony areas. The primary forage species are Kentucky bluegrass and white clover on uplands and reed canarygrass in wet sites. When upland sites are managed with prescribed grazing other species such as timothy, smooth brome grass, and quackgrass express themselves.

Soils are moderately deep to deep, and medium to coarse textured. Coarse textured soils are on the outwash plains. Drainage is well to moderately well drained, with poorly drained organic soils in the deeper depressions

Watershed Statistics

The total estimated area in the watershed is 717,500 acres. Cropland covers about 404,000 acres, and pastureland covers about 102,000 acres. There are approximately 2,138 farms in the watershed.

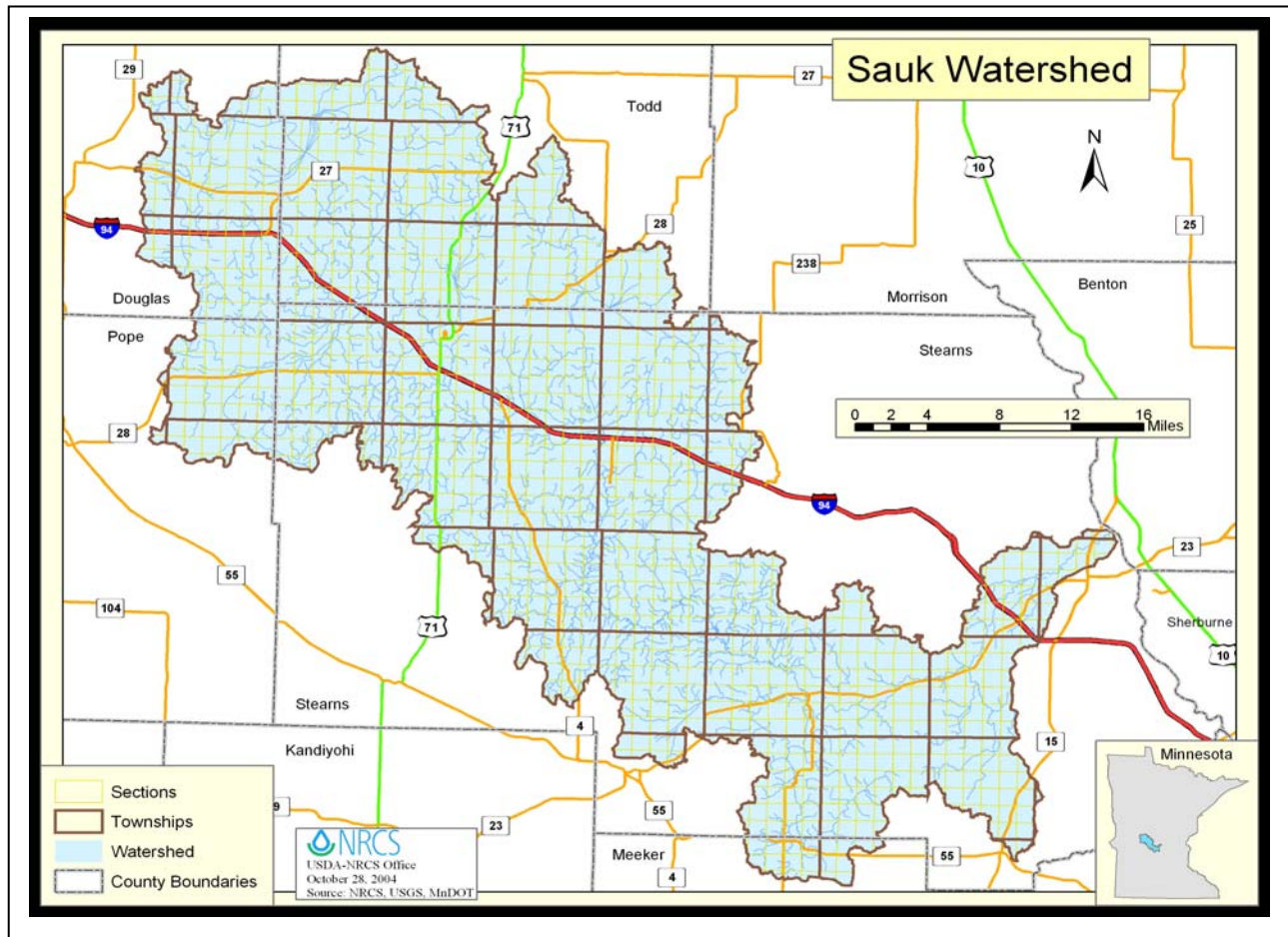
For More Information

For more information about CSP, visit the local USDA Service Center located in your county. Information is also available on the web at <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/csp.html>. Producers may contact John Crellin, watershed coordinator for the Sauk Watershed or the NRCS district conservationist located in your county.

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Land Use (Acres)	Sauk Watershed
Cropland	404,000
Pasture	102,000
Forest	67,000
Developed	31,900
Water	28,900
Other	83,700
Total Acres	717,500
Total Number of Farms	2,138

